

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1-19. (Cancelled)
20. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a voice telephone call;
identifying a user making the voice telephone call;
detecting an online status of at least one member of a group associated with the user; and
audibly communicating the status of the at least one member of the group over the voice telephone call.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
receiving a password of the user.
22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
determining the group of members associated with the said user.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 20, further comprising:
receiving instructions to detect an online status of the at least one member of the group.
24. (Cancelled).
25. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a voice telephone call;
identifying a user making the voice telephone call;
receiving instructions to detect an online status of at least a first member and a second member of a group associated with the user;
detecting the first member of the group is online;

detecting the second member of the group is off-line; and
audibly communicating the detected status of the first member and the detected
status of the second member over the voice telephone call.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:
receiving a password of the user.
27. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, further comprising:
determining the group of members associated with the user. [[;]]
28. (Cancelled).
29. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising a set of
instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:
receiving a voice telephone call;
identifying a user making the voice telephone call;
determining a group of members associated with the user;
detecting an online status of at least one member of the group; and
audibly communicating the status of the at least one member of the group over
the voice telephone call.
30. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 29,
further comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:
receiving a password of the user.
31. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 29,
further comprising a set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:
receiving instructions from the user to detect an online status of the at least one
member of the group.
32. (Cancelled).

33. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
detecting an online status of a user;
determining that a first member of a group associated with the user is off-line;
storing a notification message of the online status of the user in a storage device;
receiving a voice telephone call from the first member; and
audibly communicating the notification message stored in the storage device
over the voice telephone call.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:
determining a user-initiated notification option is enabled.
35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, further comprising:
receiving a password of the first member.
36. (Cancelled).